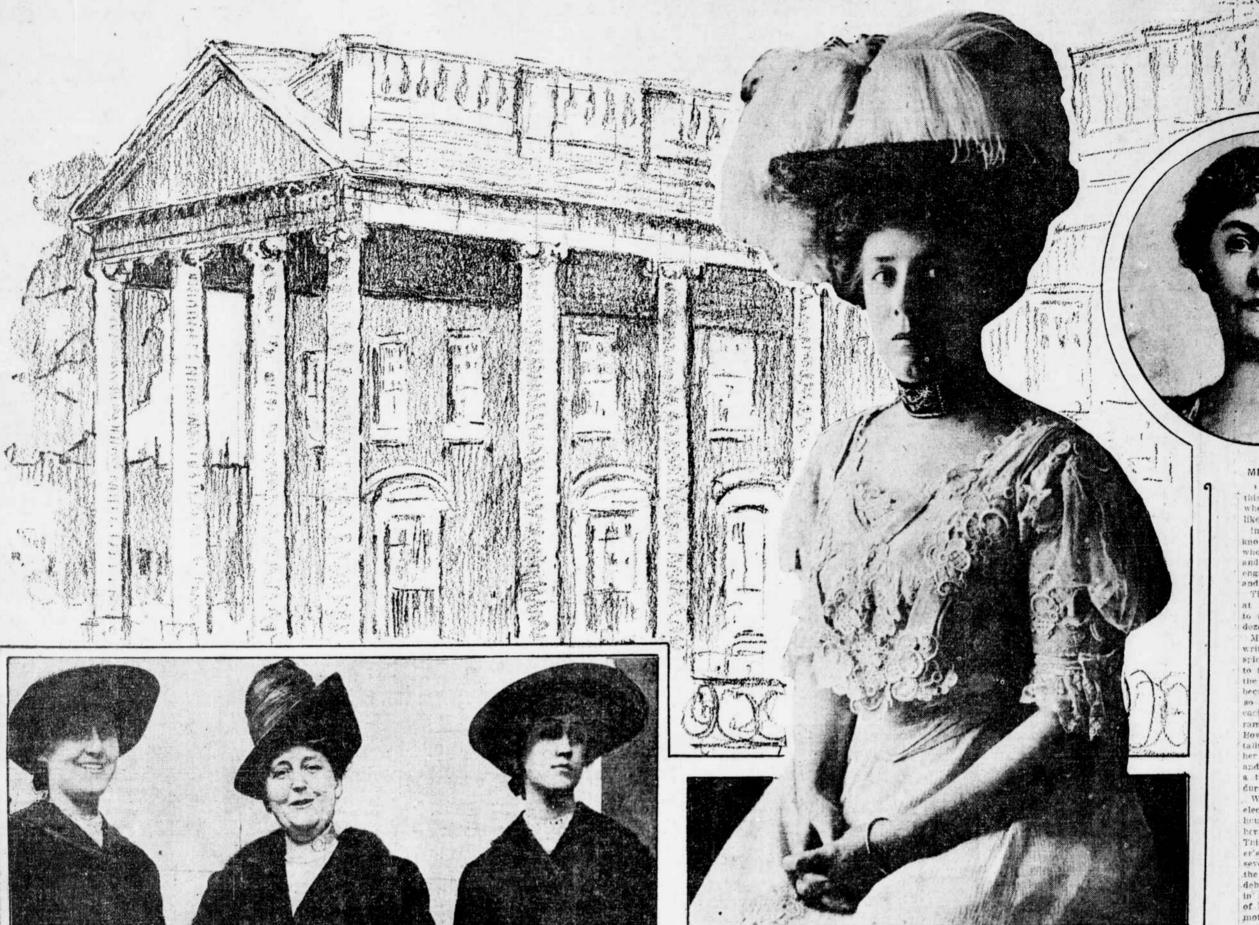
One of These May Be"First Lady of the Land"; Any of Them Would Adorn the Post



MRS FOSS AND HER TWIN CHILDREN

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(Copyright, 1912, by John Effreth Watking.) MONG candidates for the exalted station of "first sady of the land" (for the 1913-'17 term) there are, besides Mrs. Taft, seven American women who now local upon the political horizon as "possibilities," to say the least. All of them, like Mrs. Taft, are women of great culture. An appreciable share of their husband's chances for success in the race for the Presidential nomination de-

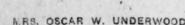
MRS. THOMAS MARSHALL.

pends upon their own tact, diplomacy and charm. The lofty rank to which their husbands wish to elevate them is not reached entirely through the accident of marriage. Two names now familiar to readers of the current newspapers and periodicals are Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Wilson Each of these ladies is both

scholar and writer, although the name of the former is seen more often in the body of a published article than at the top. As the wife of the Governor of New Jersey and one of the most active candidates for the Fresidential nomination she is better known than for her literary works, which have nearly all been anonymous contributions to the deeper magazines-book reviews mostly and jottings which have been inspired more by the love of industry than the love of glory.

Like the husband, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson a a scholar by instinct, and a full quarter century spent at his side, when he was liege professor and college president, has left her keen intellect sharp. During all of these years when she lived in college towns and participated in the intellectual life of college faculties she has kept abreast of the deeper problems that interested the world of art, science and letters. As a Greek and Latin scholar she has developed a special penchant, and she can read the encient classics in those dead languages as readily as she can browse through current

fiction in English Another parallel between her and her husband is that she is the child of a Presbyterian minister. Moreover, she is a granddaughter of a minister of that faith.



the Rev. Dr. I. S. K. Axson, of Savannah.

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MRS. WOODROW WILSON

this was in the days before her marriage, when she shared her sister's calling and, like Mrs. Taft, taught school for a time. in a neighboring town a young man, then who has since amputated his front nam engaged in teaching school, practising lat

to run for Congress, which he reached a

Mrs. Clark, like Mrs. Wilson, has been a writer. Until her husband became re her husband's political friends from far

mother's original theories responsibility and self-control own holidays and study their lessons in their own time, parental intervention being bad judgment. As a result they have developed self-reliance and studious habits.

Another Southern matron, who, a chance of becoming the first lady of the land, is Mrs. Oscar W. Underwood, wife of the powerful chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means. She was Miss Bertha Woodward, daughter of Simpson Henry Woodward, the Carnegie of the great Southern iron country centring about Birmingham, Ala. Her parents' home, in the fashionable Highlands section of that city, is at the foot of the Red Mountain, which, it is estimated, would supply the world with all its needed iron for three hundred and sixty years.

Mrs. Underwood's early ambition was to go upon the operatic stage. While in a seminary in Cincinnati she began her musical education in the conservatory of that city, and soon developed a coloratura soprano voice of high range. After continuing her vocal studies in New York and Boston she went to Paris and took & course under Peixotti, and while in the French capital received an offer for the stage which her father emphatically forbade her accepting. Instead, he summoned her home forthwith, and it was some time before she could reconcile herself to the social career which her parents had planned for her.

While visiting Asheville, N. Casin the summer of 1904, she received a visit from Representative Underwood, who had been courting her for some time. He had just been summoned North to take the stump for the Democrats in the Parker campaign, and as there were no prospects of seeing her again in several months he proposed that they marry at once and North together. After some hesitatics Miss Woodward consented, and they were wedded that day, starting out at once upon what was a honeymoon and campaign tour combined. Mr. Underwood was at the time a widower of four years, with two boys, one of whom is now in the iron business in Birmingham, the other being a law student in the University of Vir-

fellow Ohioan, John Sherman, then a great of Indiana's executive. Like Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Harmon, the experience which Mrs. Harmon and her husband were they are receiving as entertainers of state both reared in the environs of Cincinnati, executive mansions would prove to be inhis father being a Methodist minister and valuable training for the exalted station

the Misses Esther and Helen, who in about

perience as an executive's wife when scarcely out of her girlhood. But her social responsibilities were not greatly enlarged by this, her husband's first political office, for the village of Wyoming then boasted of a population less than 2,000. In the year following, when elected Common Pleas judge in Cincinnatt, his consort began to find her social activity expanding, and it grew during the twelve years that he sat on the bench—later as judge it might be said that she had some ex- Marshall that she has never been away that he sat on the bench-later as judge of the Superior Court. During these and succeeding years Mrs. Harmon has been executive mansior has now extended over



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hers a physician, Dr. William H. Scoby, of mistress of the White House. of Hamilton. When they were married, in June, 1879. Mr. Harmon was a young bar-pride is in their beautiful twin daughters. rister of twenty-four, who had been out of the Cincinnati Law School only a year, another year will make their debut The young couple settled down in Wyo-ming, a suburb of Cincinnati, of which young Harmon became Mayor, and thus it might be said that and Noble.

It is the proud boast of Mrs Tom a favorite in Cincinnati drawing rooms.
Like that of Mrs. Wilson, her family consists of three daughters: Mrs. Edward L.
Wright, who was a wife when her father

